



ISSUES/DESCRIPTIONS REPORT

4th Quarter, 2007

WBZ-TV Boston

WBZ-TV - Boston, MA
Quarterly Issues/Program List
CBS Corporation

December 31, 2007

Attached are listings of broadcasts or broadcast segments, which, in the station's judgment, reflect the station's most significant programming treatment of ascertained community issues during the preceding three-month period.

WBZ-TV broadcasts both locally produced and network programming. Although we include primarily local programs herein, WBZ-TV broadcasts several network programs, including Face The Nation, 60 Minutes and 48 Hours, which we believe also serve community needs and interests.

PROGRAM INDEX

I-Team Reports – Reporter Joe Bergantino provides an investigative look at major institutions and events within the viewing area. Issues related to government, politics, big business and crime are explored in-depth during the station's newscasts.
Duration: range from two minutes to four minutes. Air: Monday - Friday, 5pm, 6pm and 11pm.

HealthWatch – Medical Reporter Dr. Mallika Marshall reports on recent developments and potential treatments in medicine.
Duration: one minute and thirty seconds. Air: Monday - Friday, 5pm, 6pm and 11pm.

Centro – Regularly scheduled news interview broadcast segment providing an in-depth exploration of issues concerning the Latino community with host Yadires Nova-Salcedo.
Duration: four minutes and thirty seconds. Air: Saturday, 7:50am from January 6-February 10 / Sunday, 7:25am from 2/18/07 through 4/1/07.

Sunday With Liz Walker – A thematic, half hour newsmagazine program produced and hosted by news veteran Liz Walker. The show celebrates relationships and explores our community with special stories about our neighborhoods, families, and ourselves.
Duration: thirty minutes. Air: Sunday, 11:00am.

Keller At Large – Political Analyst Jon Keller interviews local politicians and community leaders to create dialogue about current events and issues of importance to New England citizens.
Duration: eight minutes. Air: Sunday, 8:45am.

WBZ 4 Kids – WBZ-TV and Children's Hospital Boston's programming and public service partnership is supported by a year-long campaign titled WBZ 4 Kids. WBZ 4 Kids is composed of a plan to maximize the hospital's fundraising efforts, which includes a Day of Fundraising, public service announcements, and an interactive website with information for WBZ 4 Kids and Children's Hospital on www.wbztv.com.

Global Warming- WBZ TV News airs as part of its Project Mass Campaign a series of reports during the 6 pm news on Global Warming.

Project Mass- Project Mass is an on-going series of reports informing viewers about issues facing residents of Massachusetts.

I-Team Reports

10/17/07- The I-Team reports that police details are costing taxpayers millions of dollars. It is unique to Massachusetts that policemen are used for details rather than less expensive flagmen to direct traffic around constructions sites. In a follow-up story (November 2), it was reported that the governor is considering less expensive options to replace cops.

11/01/07- The I-Team reports on a convicted felon, armed with tools to steal identities and rip people off, was licensed by the state to be a notary. This position gives her access to people's personal documents and legal papers.

11/12/07 Reporter Joe Shortsleeve reveals that the main branch of the Boston Public Library is suffering from a crime problem. We catch some of the violence on tape and inform Mayor Thomas Menino who says he was un-aware of the problem and plans to address it.

11/21/07 An I-Team analysis of more than 2600 State Police cruiser accidents since the year 2000 reveals a cost to taxpayers of millions of dollars as well as 700 injuries, including some to the troopers. There were more than 500 troopers caused accidents during that time.

11/26/07 The I-Team reports on a story about a two year old who almost died following a routine tonsillectomy at a community hospital. The poor care pointed to "lack of minimum care standards" in medicine.

11/30/07 The I Team breaks the story that a panel created by the city of Boston after two firefighters were killed on the job will recommend mandatory drug testing for the department. One of the firefighters had alcohol in his system and the other had traces of cocaine.

12/13/07 The I-Team's Joe Bergantino looks into a March 3 unsolved murder. The I –Team obtained exclusive surveillance tape that could provide some clues as to who the murderer is.

12/20/07- The I-Team looks into an anti-crime initiative designed to help keep Massachusetts communities safe. The grant provides cities and towns money for gang prevention. The report raises questions about how levels of funding were determined for various Bay State communities who suffer the most from gang violence.

HealthWatch

| 10/1/07 Healthwatch reported on new study which found that Weight Watchers and the Ornish diets lowered the risk of heart disease the most compared with other diets

10/2/07 Healthwatch reported on how new socks containing copper may help ease foot pain in some patients

10/8/07 Healthwatch reported on new test which may be able to detect pre-diabetic conditions in patients.

10/9/07 Healthwatch reported on how local researchers are recruiting patients to see whether DHA can help slow progression of Alzheimer's. Patient Jack Hornfeldt and Dr. Anil Nair, Boston University Medical Center, were interviewed for this story.

10/10/07 Healthwatch reported on how a local non-profit is trying to help families recognize symptoms of depression. Julie Totten of Families for Depression Awareness was interviewed for this report.

10/11/07 Healthwatch reported on how drug makers are voluntarily recalling over-the-counter cough and cold medicines for infants younger than two years of age.

10/18/07 Healthwatch reported on how FDA is hearing from experts on whether to ban cold medicine for children younger than six years of age...Dr. Michael Shannon of Children's Hospital Boston was interviewed for this story.

10/19/07 Healthwatch reported on how a Federal Drug Association advisory panel is recommending that cough and cold medicine not be given to kids under 6. A new website allows people to do a "virtual walk" to raise money for breast cancer patients

10/31/07 Healthwatch reported on a new study that finds that obesity is a major risk factor for developing cancer

11/7/07 Healthwatch reported on a new smoking vaccine which is showing promise in helping people quit smoking.

11/8/07 Healthwatch reported on a new study which shows that fish oil, caffeine and certain blood pressure drugs may help prevent Alzheimer's disease. Doctor Ali Atri of Massachusetts General Hospital was interviewed about this new study.

11/11/07 More people die from deep vein thrombosis (blood clots) than from breast cancer and AIDS combined. WBZ TV reports on a new project that is geared to helping people identify a disease that often strikes seemingly healthy people and does not have overt symptoms.

11/12/07 Healthwatch reported on a study that is looking at a new device called the Watchman. The Watchman can help prevent blood clots in heart patients who can't take blood thinning medications. Dr. Vivek Reddy of Massachusetts General Hospital and patient Alex Friedman were interviewed about the study.

11/14/07 Healthwatch reported on how the Food and Drug Administration is considering a plan that would make certain drugs available without a prescription.

11/19/07 Healthwatch reported on new procedure to help ease foot pain in patients with diabetes. Dr. Virginia Hung of the Dellon Institute of Boston and Gise Weimer, a patient, were interviewed for this story.

11/20/07 Healthwatch reported on new study to see whether taking Omega-3 fatty acids can help ease depression. Dr. David Mischoulon of Massachusetts General Hospital and patient Bari Robinson were interviewed for this story.

11/21/07 Healthwatch reported on how chronic heartburn may lead to more serious conditions. Dr. Roger Mitty of Caritas St Elizabeth's Medical Center and patient Kim-Marie Donnelly were interviewed about this study.

11/27/07 Healthwatch reported on how a local doctor is planning to use a woman's own stem cells to help enlarge breasts- interview with Dr. Jafar Koupaie/Dermatologist, Mass General stem cell researcher Chad Cowan and prospective patients Shohreh Koupaie and Shawn Fulford.

11/28/07 Healthwatch reported that Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt announced the newest phase of the Framingham Heart study. Leavitt met with study director Dr. Daniel Levy and participants Joe, David and Tom Anghinetti.

11/30/07 Healthwatch reported on a new three-D breast scan which has been developed by a Cambridge, Massachusetts company. Dr. David Getty of BBN Technologies was interviewed about the scan.

12/3/07 Healthwatch reported on how researchers at Harvard Medical School and Children's Hospital, Boston have made a key discovery from brain scans of people with a certain form of dyslexia. The discovery could lead to better treatments in future. Dr. Christopher Walsh of Harvard Medical School and Children's Hospital Boston was interviewed for this story.

12/4/07 Healthwatch reported on how BBN Technologies of Cambridge has developed a new 3-D breast scanner which is more accurate than traditional digital mammography.- Dr. David Getty of BBN Technologies was interviewed for this story.

12/5/07 Healthwatch reported on a new study which found that flu viruses survive longer in cold, dry weather. Healthwatch also reported on a troubling new report about the alarming increase in the number of teens who will be obese by year 2035 and die prematurely of heart disease.

12/6/07 Healthwatch reported on a new study by Institute for Healthcare improvement which shows that Massachusetts hospitals have higher death rate than national average. Deb Wachenheim of Health Care for All and Paul Levy, President of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, were interviewed for this story.

12/13/07 Healthwatch reported on tips on how to shovel without injuring yourself.

12/14/07 Healthwatch reported on new studies which suggest that some breast cancer patients may not need chemotherapy or benefit from it. Healthwatch also reported that FDA advisers rejected Merck Pharmaceutical's bid to sell cholesterol drug Mevacor over the counter. The FDA panel approved a new Transcervical sterilization system, Adiana, which was developed by a Massachusetts company.

12/17/07 Healthwatch reported on a new robot which helps to prevent chemotherapy errors. The robot is about to debut in the United States at a Colorado hospital next year. It is currently used in Europe.

12/19/07 Healthwatch reported on cancer survivor Karina Corner, who raises money to donate gifts to sick kids at Massachusetts General Hospital's Cancer Center.

12/21/07 Healthwatch reported on new medical gift cards which can be used to help pay health expenses.

12/28/07 Healthwatch reported on how heart attacks actually rise on New Year's Day and how moderate drinking can help improve circulation in your legs.

12/29/07 Healthwatch reported on new mini-medical tests and possible implications for patients.

Ethnic Relations – Centro

10/06/07- The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development has created a new program that can benefit Massachusetts homeowners. "FHA Secure" helps homeowners re-finance high interest loans so they can afford their mortgage payments and not lose their homes. Yadires Nova-Salcedo spoke with HUD's regional director, Taylor Caswell, about the program and how viewers can receive information about "FHA Secure."

10/20/07- A new national campaign is underway to get more men, especially Latinos, to visit their doctor to see if they have Benign Prostate Hyperplasia, also known as, an enlarged prostate. Yadires Nova-Salcedo talked about this treatable disease with urology expert Dr. Steve Maislos.

10/27/07- Yadires Nova-Salcedo looked into a new outreach effort that is aimed at educating members of the minority community about how to take advantage of a new prescription drug coverage program provided by Medicare.

11/03/07-Yadires Nova-Salcedo talked with Jenny Cintron about ABCD's new fuel assistance program and how viewers can get help paying their heating bills this winter.

11/17/07-Yadires Nova-Salcedo talked with Michael Gillespie, Vice President of Telemundo New England, about its Latino Family Fair at the Bayside Exposition Center. It is open to the public.

11/24/07-Yadires Nova-Salcedo interviewed Olag Lattarula, the President of COPEA, a community organization dedicated to helping Peruvians affected by the latest earthquake that devastated Peru. Viewers learned how they could be of help.

12/01/07-Yadires Nova-Salcedo talked with Maria Rodriguez about this year's "Jolgoria Navideno," the largest Latino Christmas celebration in New England.

12/22/07; Yadires Nova-Salcedo talked with Jose Duarte, executive chef of "Tranta" restaurant, about traditions Latino foods for the holidays.

12/29/07: Yadires Nova-Salcedo talked with Executive Director of First Night, Geri Guardino, about all of the fun-filled family activities at the First Night Celebration. First Night is the oldest New Year's Eve family celebration in the country.

Public Affairs – Sunday with Liz Walker

10/04/07-Sunday with Liz looks into the issue of self-esteem, what others think of us, and how self-esteem influences a young person's actions. She explores this multi-faceted topic with Marion Davis. Ms. Davis is the founder and Executive Director of Self Esteem Boston Educational Institute. This organization provides programming for many school systems in the Boston area.

10/14/10- Sunday with Liz explores the topic of heat. Liz talks with Joe Kennedy, head of Citizen Energy Group, about exculpating oil prices and the high cost of heating your home this winter. Citizens Energy Group provides low cost heating oil for families in need.

10/21/07- Poor women are now the fastest growing segment of the homeless population. Sunday with Liz reports on the organization "Women with Means." This non-profit provides much needed healthcare to women "without" means.

10/28/07- Sunday with Liz profiles the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange, a non-profit organization that finds homes for children in foster care. Liz looks at the challenges this type of work presents.

11/11/07-Sunday with Liz spent a full program talking with Archbishop Desmond Tutu. The truth and reconciliation agenda has been an integral part of fighting apartheid in South Africa. Liz and Archbishop Tutu discuss if these principles could help stem the tide of violence in Boston.

11/18/07-Sunday with Liz looks at ways that people seek and find meaning in different life experiences. Liz Walker interviews Marie Salvati who for thirty years struggled to make ends meet, raising four children on her own while her husband was in prison for a murder he did not commit. She talks about her public humility and private pain and why she never abandoned her husband.

12/16/07- Sunday with Liz explores the work done through the Parent-Child Home Program sponsored by the Newton Community Center. One of the main goals of the program is to help families with limited resources prepare their youngest children for school. The program focuses on parenting skills.

| 12/23/07-Sunday with Liz explores the topics of “treats.” This week Liz speaks with Paul Wahlberg, a well-known local chef and the brother of actors Donny and Mark Wahlberg. Paul tells us how he and his brothers are raising money to help the victims of Katrina and how viewers can get involved. Liz also talks with sports legend Cam Neely about his charity run of wine that is being produced at a local vineyard.

Politics – Keller At Large

10/7/07: Jon Keller interviewed Massachusetts Republican Party Chairman Peter Torkildsen. They discussed the race for Congress in the Fifth Congressional District, the future of the state Republican Party, and the progress of the Patrick administration.

10/14/07: Jon Keller and WBZ Political Analyst John Henning discussed the controversy over bringing casino gambling to Massachusetts and the national and local significance of the Fifth Congressional District race.

| 10/21/07: Jon Keller interviewed Suffolk County District Attorney Dan Conley. They discussed progress in the fight against gang crime, the special gun court and how it’s working, and efforts to improve community cooperation with police.

10/28/07: Jon Keller interviewed Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone, president of the Massachusetts Mayors Association. They discussed the fiscal crisis facing cities and towns, the need for local-option revenue flexibility, and the potential impact of casino gambling on their fiscal situation

11/04/07: Jon Keller talked with Boston Herald columnist, Howie Carr about the politics of bringing casino gambling to Massachusetts and the current political dynamics on Beacon Hill.

11/11/07: Jon Keller discussed the role of race and gender in the New Hampshire presidential primary and the impact of the independent vote with Boston Globe political reporter James Pindell.

11/18/07: Jon Keller and WBZ political analyst John Henning analyzed the recent Democratic and Republican presidential debates and the progress of the New Hampshire primary.

11/25/07: Jon Keller discussed recent developments in the presidential race, including fallout from a decision by a Massachusetts judge appointed by Mitt Romney to release a murderer who then killed again. Keller also examined the potential impact of setting January 8 as the date for the New Hampshire primary and new polls showing Barack Obama claiming the lead in Iowa.

12/02/07 Jon Keller talked with Ed Ryan, Jr. of the Massachusetts Bar Association about the criticism Massachusetts Judge Kathy Tuttleman is receiving for releasing convicted murderer Dan Tavares from jail. Tavares later went on the kill a young couple in Washington State.

12/09/07- Jon Keller talked with Dan Rea of WBZ Radio about the New Hampshire primary and the role that gender, race and economics might play in the outcome.

| 12/16/07: Jon Keller talked with James Pindell, Boston Globe New Hampshire reporter, about the latest developments in the primary and the impact of independent voters.

12/23/0 Jon Keller talked with political journalist and blogger Tony Schinella about the presidential election and John McCain's gaining popularity in Iowa and New Hampshire.

12/30/07 John Henning, WBZ-TV political analyst, discussed the final days of the Iowa and New Hampshire races, the role of the war in Iraq and the economy, and last-minute campaign news.

WBZ 4 Kids

| 10/02/07- A report on "Tek's 33," a foundation started by Red Sox catcher Jason Varitek. The foundation helps to raise awareness of Children's Hospital, Boston. Throughout the year, Varitek takes patients and their families to Red Sox games. He also visits the children in the hospital.

11/16/07 Lisa Hughes reports on the volunteers of the Children's Hospital League. The mission of the hospital league is to support the lifesaving work of the hospital. The money the League raises goes toward programs like the music therapy program. That program has music therapists come in and work with patients like Drew Potenti who has a rare muscular disorder. The therapist helps Drew play the chimes as part of her physical therapy.

On 12/20/07, WBZ-TV held a Day of Giving raising over \$30,000 for Children's Hospital Boston. The WBZ 4 Kids campaign assists the hospital's fundraising efforts. In addition to the Day of Giving, public service announcements and news features also helped raise awareness of Children's Hospital Boston. An interactive website with information on Children's Hospital Boston was also part of the campaign.

Project Mass:

| 10/05/10- Parents got a rude awakening this year when school started, as fees for every activity have soared. In this Project Mass report, we examine why the fees are escalating and what some communities are doing to try to keep the fees in line.

| 10/14/10- In this Project Mass/Global Warming story, Meteorologist Mish Michaels looks [at](#) mercury in light bulbs. In an effort to be environmentally responsible, many people are switching over to compact fluorescent light bulbs which contain mercury and cause a lot of harm to the environment. Mish tells us what you need to do to protect the environment if you use these bulbs.

10/15/07- This report looked into green products and how one local shoe manufacturer is putting a green index in the box of every pair of shoes that he manufactures.

10/30/07- The Governor has set targets to increase the consumption of solar power in the state. Meteorologist Mish Michael's reports on a new type of solar panel which has been developed by a local company, Evergreen Solar. The solar panels are heating the new pool at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and saving the university a lot of money.

11/06/07- Meteorologist Mish Michaels takes us to the first North End restaurant that is totally green. Taranta owners worked with the green restaurant association to adopt eleven environmental priorities to save energy.

12/12/07-Cape Cod is a treasured natural resource in Massachusetts and also one of its most fragile. In this global-warming report, Meteorologist Mish Michaels tells us about new scientific evidence on how Cape Cod could be impacted by enormous flooding because of global-warming.

This Quarterly Issues/Program List was placed in the Public File on
January 10, 2008 by

Pat Kreger
WBZ-TV Public Affairs Director